

**Health Professions Quality Assurance Division  
Board of Physical Therapy  
Meeting Minutes**

On January 15, 2002, the Board of Physical Therapy met at the Department of Health, CenterPoint, 20435 72<sup>ND</sup> Ave. S, Suite 200, Kent, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were mailed to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dyke Dickie, PT, Chair  
Samuel Stockton, PT, Vice Chair  
Patricia Muchmore, PT  
Nancy Wong, PT  
Jean Stevens-Owens, Public Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Kristin Hamilton, Program Manager  
Alan Copsey, AAG, Board Advisor  
Mark Ertischek, Staff Attorney  
Arthur DeBusschere, Health Law Judge  
Duane Lodell, Court Reporter

***OPEN SESSION***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Dyke Dickie, PT, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**1.1 Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- Item number 7 was inserted at 4.a (policy on education).
- Item 12.4 - Title Protection Legislation.
- Item 12.5 - Letter from Cathy Irby.
- Item 12.6 - Recreation Therapy Legislation.

**1.2 Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 2001 meeting were approved with changes.

**8:45 a.m.**

**2. DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS**

***CLOSED SESSION***

**2.1 PRESENTATION OF STIPULATION TO INFORMAL DISPOSITION -  
DOCKET NO. 01-08-A-1102PT (Case No. 2001-02-0007PT)**

The Stipulation to Informal Disposition (STID) in this matter was presented to the Board by Mark Ertischek, Staff Attorney.

Health Law Judge Arthur DeBusschere assisted the Board as Presiding Officer. Reviewing Board Member Patricia Muchmore, PT, did not participate in the presentation or deliberation of the matter.

After deliberations, the Presiding Officer indicated on the record that the Board accepted and signed the STID as presented.

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**2.2 DEFAULT HEARING - Byron Baker, PT**

DOCKET NO. 01-09-A-1024PT (Case No. 2001-02-0002PT)

Mark Ertischek, Staff Attorney, presented the evidence and proposed Order of Default to the Board. Declaration and attached exhibits were marked as Exhibit 1.

Health Law Judge Arthur DeBusschere acted as Presiding Officer with the Board in this matter.

Reviewing Board Member Patricia Muchmore, PT, did not participate in the presentation or deliberations.

The Board went into closed session to deliberate. After deliberations, the Presiding Officer announced on the record that the Board accepted and signed the proposed Order as presented.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**3. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS**

- Applicant B - Approved pending completion of wound debridement
- Applicant D - Approved pending completion of 2 semester credits of humanities and a wound care course approved by the board.
- Applicant C - Denied - D grades in PT courses based on the grading system provided on transcript, as well as those noted in ICA.
- Applicant A - Approved pending completion of wound coursework approved by the board.
- The Board delegated the authority to Dyke Dickie to review any cases pending from the November meeting.

**4. DISCIPLINARY AND COMPLIANCE ISSUES**

- Case No. 2001-01-0001PT - CLOSED - Insufficient evidence.

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**4.a FINALIZATION OF POLICY ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT EDUCATION**

The Board reviewed and finalized policy changes regarding standards for substantially equivalent education discussed at the November meeting.

There was some discussion regarding foreign educated physical therapists whose basic physical therapy education and general education was not acceptable, but they have gotten licensed in another state then go on to attend an APTA-approved advanced degree program. Does the advanced degree supercede the general requirements?

The policy was adopted as drafted. The advanced degree issue will be addressed at a later meeting.

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**5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Ms Muchmore nominated Dyke Dickie to continue in the position of Chair.  
Ms. Wong nominated Samuel Stockton as Vice-Chair.

ELECTIONS: The nominations were seconded, and by a majority vote, Mr. Dickie was re-elected as Chair and Mr. Stockton was elected as Vice-Chair.

**6. REVIEW OF POLICIES CONCERNING BOARD AND STAFF ATTENDANCE AT FSBPT CONFERENCES**

The Board's policy concerning Board member and staff attendance at the two annual conferences was reviewed and discussed. There will be no changes at this time, however, the Board's position on this matter is that it is important for Board members to attend these conferences.

**7. OPEN FORUM**

**1:00 p.m.**

The opportunity to address the Board in an open forum was offered. There were no attendees who indicated an interest in this opportunity. At future meetings, rather than holding the open forum at a specific time, the Board will offer attendees the opportunity to address the Board after presentation of each agenda item.

**9. WOUND CARE/DEBRIDEMENT DISCUSSION**

The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Christine Bess of Medical Assistance Administration to provide an opinion as to whether or not excision – debridement services described in CPT codes 11040 through 11033 are within the scope of PT practice. The Board referred Ms. Bess to The APTA Guide to Physical Therapist Practice – Volume 2, which includes those codes. For clarification, Ms. Bess may wish to speak with Janet Peterson, PT, of the Physical Therapy Association of Washington (PTWA).

**10. UTILIZATION OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDES**

The Board discussed information brought to the November meeting by Craig Taft, PT, from HealthSouth, regarding the utilization of Physical Therapy Assistants and PT Aides. The Board's position concerning the HealthSouth information that was submitted is as follows:

- Washington State law does not allow PTAs to supervise PT aides. The HealthSouth policy includes that type of activity. The RCW and WAC provide direction to the practice of PT and supervision of PTAs and Aides in Washington. The physical therapist is responsible for all activities performed by any PTA or PT aide under his or her supervision.
- Board is not able to give approval regarding policies for HealthSouth or any other organization. If Mr. Taft wishes to propose language for rule making, the Board will consider that proposal through the regulatory rules process.

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**11. OPS DECISION REVIEW PILOT PROCEDURE**

The Board discussed the ongoing pilot procedure established by the Department to review decisions made by the Office of Professional Standards. This process allows Boards and Department staff to forward concerns to the Secretary of Health, who supervises the Presiding Officers from the Office of Professional Standards.

The Board asked if a similar process could be developed for evaluation of Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP) presiding officers' decisions? This would include the review of problems that are identified during BAP process and making sure that changes are made.

The Board would like to have a more extensive discussion on this subject at a future meeting, possibly the annual planning/training meeting in July. The discussion could include potential BAP presiding officers from sections other than those who act as BAP officers for this Board to help the Board understand how the information is evaluated.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

**12.1 Program Report**

Ms. Hamilton updated the Board concerning the following items:

- The Physical Therapy Program web site ready to "go live". Applicants and licensees will be able to access good information as well as forms, laws and rules.
- Interviews for the program staff person will be held next week.
- The Customer Service Center has experienced a tremendous number of incoming telephone calls, which has caused long hold times and frustration for callers. Additional staff is being hired to help this situation.

**12.2 Budget Update**

- The quarterly bill for Attorney General Office (AGO) services was recently received. These costs were much higher than originally estimated. Sue Shoblom is working with AGO to get a better breakdown of costs.

**12.3 Planning for March 23-25, 2002, Meeting and Future Meetings**

March:

If possible, the Board would like to begin the meeting earlier on Saturday, go later into the evening on Sunday, and not meet at all on Monday.

The presentation from International Credentialing Associates will be on Sunday.

The Board will review its policy concerning complaints against Board members to be certain that it is consistent with Department of Health policy.

The Board will discuss the topic of Masters level programs becoming the CAPTE standard.

The Board would like a current case listing provided for each Board member at each meeting.

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May 20-21, 2002:

The Board will discuss standard cost recovery for Stipulations to Informal Disposition.

Ms. Hamilton will provide a complete budget presentation.

The Board will review the Mentoring Training Manual developed for new Board members.

**12.4 Title Protection Legislation - Patricia Muchmore, PT**

Ms. Muchmore provided information to the Board concerning legislation being proposed regarding title protection for physical therapists.

**12.5 Letter from Cathy Irby, PT, MHA**

The Board reviewed a letter from Ms. Irby regarding inactive licensure procedures.

Rules for inactive licensure have not been developed so Ms. Irby's questions regarding re-activation cannot be addressed. However, her questions regarding the 200-hour employment requirement can be addressed. It is the Board's position that Ms. Irby's employment makes use of her knowledge in physical therapy in an administrative/management role in health care, and would fulfill the work requirement so long as her continuing education stays updated to meet the 40-hour requirement.

**12.6 Recreation Therapy Legislation - Dyke Dickie, PT**

Mr. Dickie provided information to the Board regarding legislation that proposes to register Recreation Therapists in Washington.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Kristin Hamilton  
Program Manager

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Dyke Dickie, PT, Chair  
Board of Physical Therapy